



# Is anyhody out there ?

Ever since we started working on this special SCI-II issue, we've had our eyes on the skies. (Our offices are on the sixteenth floor, so we figure we've got a pretty good chance of seeing any UFOS that buzz by.) A quick poll of the D.A. staff shows that half of us think UFOS exist and the other half doesn't. Senior editor Sean thinks he might have seen a UFO once, but copy editor Amy says, "Until I have hard evidence, I don't believe it." Read this issue and tell us what YOU believe! • • • •



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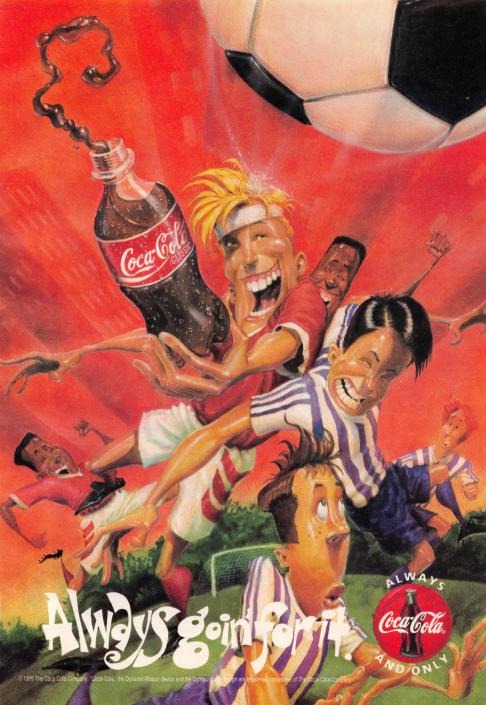
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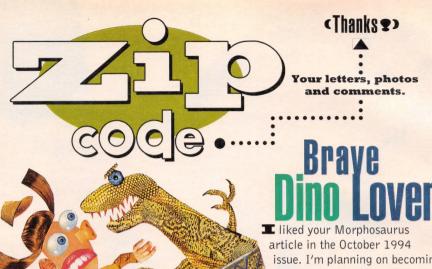
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article in the October 1994
issue. I'm planning on becoming
a paleontologist when I am old
enough. I think it would be a
good job for me, since I love
dinosaurs so much. I wouldn't
want to be staring a T-Rex straight

in the eye or anything, but I would like to see one through an electrified fence with me

on the opposite side. Who knows? Maybe there really will

be a Jurassic Park, and if there is, look me up as the owner!
LAURA NOVACEK, 12, ROSEMOUNT, MINNESOTA

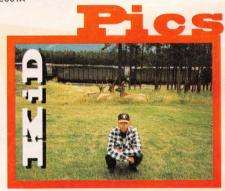
■n Ticket in the December 1994 issue, you mentioned

# Climbing Timing

that Mara
Wilson likes to
go rock
climbing at
Vasquez Rocks.
I live about five
miles from

there, and go climbing pretty often. Hope I see her there sometime!

HELEN ISTVANYI, 10 SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA



Check out those elk! Bobby Fors, 13, sent us this picture from Jasper National Park in Jasper, Alberta, Canada.

# **Spacey Planet Names**

In the January 1995 issue of D.A., we asked you to send us your original planet name. Well, we received a galactic amount of cosmic suggestions! Here are some we thought were out of this world:

I thought of a **Top Ten** list of planet names:

10. Stretchy ('cause when you pull on the surface, the planet stretches like rubber)

9. Hotdoggierup ('cause it is shaped like a hot dog with ketchup)

8. Bonanza ('cause the TV only shows "Bonanza" reruns)

7. Mustardsey ('cause the only thing there to eat is Grey Poupon)

6. Duh-Duh ('cause when you walk on it, it goes "duh-duh")

**5. Doorbell** ('cause the only thing the aliens are amused by is the doorbell)

4. Pringlesey
('cause if you took a bite, it would taste like a Pringle)

3. Stinkyopolia ('cause it stinks)

2. Sodayes ('cause the rivers are made of soda)

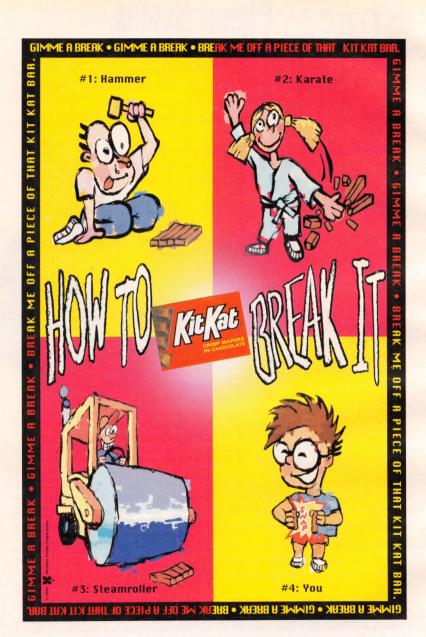
1. Land of Great Taste ('cause the aliens have great taste—they read D.A.!)
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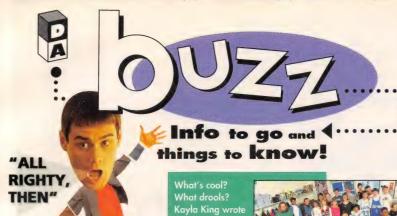
Three new planets...cool! My dad and I always said we were from a different planet. Well, how about you call one of the planets **Zorblat?** Maybe other people think there aren't people on other planets, but I do! Do you think I watch too much "Star Trek"? ANGELA NASACEK, 12, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

If I could name a planet, I would name it Planet Wannago, because it would be so cool, that people would wanna go!

MEGAN DECURTIS, 8, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

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to us about the cubs (her slang for kids) in her sixth-grade class at Woodbury

**Grammar School** 



lim Carrey,

one way-

Astronauts, astronomers and aliens can't have all the fun!
Cool kids borrow from those dictionaries all the time—and turn stale science terms into some bang-up slang!

Ballistic. Exploding mad.
"When Jordan cleaned his
baseball cleats in the dishwasher,
his mom went ballistic."

**Jet. To move fast.** "Gotta jet to gymnastics—I'm late!"

Black hole. Any place where things disappear or get lost. "I know I have that CD somewhere—it must have gotten sucked into a black hole."

Blast. A seriously fun time. "Sleepovers are a blast!"

in Woodbury Tennessee. They say:		TO THE STATE OF TH
1	Lut	not
music	Country	Rock music
clothes	Boots, Levi's, plaid	Bell-bottoms, Daisy Dukes
slang	"All righty, then"	"groovy"
celebs	Jim Carrey	Garth Brooks
movies/ tv	Ace Ventura, Pet Detective; "Home Improvement"	"Roseanne"



secret invite to Knott's
Berry Farm in Buena
Park, California, for
the finals of the World
Jr. Frisbee Disc
Championships. We
were stoked! Frisbee is
one of our fave sports
and the 16 kids in the
finals really know
how to make those
wacky plastic discs spin.

Six different competitions were held during the finals: accuracy, discathon, disc golf, distance, freestyle and maximum time aloft (MTA). When the last Frisbee hit the ground, Mary Uhlarik, 15, from Whittier, California, and Chauncey

divisions.

Mary's been playing
Frisbee for six years
and won three of the
six events, finishing
first in disc golf, MTA
and distance.

Donaldson, 15,

from Arvada, Colorado, were the champions

of the girls' and boys'

She also set a new record in the girls' distance event, throwing her disc 410 feet 5 inches.

It was the second year in a row that Chauncey won the boys' championship. He placed first in MTA and distance—his favorite event. This

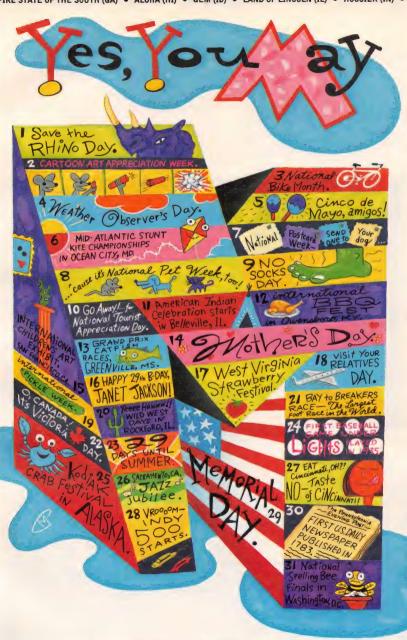
year he threw his disc the length of one and a half football fields!

In the freestyle event, kids do all kinds of trick

tosses, spins and catches while their favorite song plays. **Renee Pardo**, 13, from Fort Myers, Florida, won the girls' freestyle event with her left wrist in a cast! She broke it a few days earlier showing a TV reporter some moves, but still managed to impress the judges with her right-handed moves.

And we thought Frisbee was a nice, safe sport.

-Kim Lockhart



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HAWKEYE (IA) • SUNFLOWER (KS) • BLUEGRASS (KY) • PELICAN (LA) • PINE TREE (ME) • OLD LINE (MD) • BAY (MA) • WOLVERINE (MI) •

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Hollywood to tour Disney Studios!

And 125 other kids could win one of the special Gargoyles Videotapes.

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"GARGOYLES IN CYBERHUNT" comic and see if you can correctly guess which Gargoyle defeats the Cybermage.

HINT: The Gargoyle who saved the day is pictured on the front of labels of

Franco-American's new Gargoyles Shaped Pasta.





# GARGOYLES SWEEPSTAKES!

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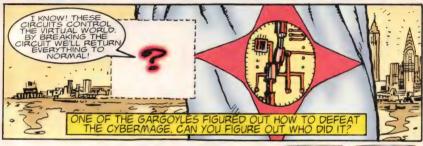
















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News flash! You heard it here first: D.A.'s main man, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, got the role of

Tom Sawver! We heard he really wanted the part—of course he did; after all, he gets to fish! and he just reeled it in. But don't look for Elijah Wood to play Huck Finn again, In Tom Sawyer, Huck is played by Brad Renfro, who's starring in a movie now out called The Cure, Keep an eve out for future updates. Make room

on that river raft, JTT; here we come! ...Just call him Tall Stahl. We're talking about Nick Stahl (Man Without a Face), and he's going up against some mighty mythical fellas in Tall Tale. Nick, 15, plays Daniel, a farm boy who must save his family and farm from bad guy J.P. Styles. He gets some bigger-than-life help from talltale heroes Pecos Bill, John

Henry, Paul Bunyan

and a blue—yes, blue—ox. Nick took the title of this movie seriously—he grew four inches while making it!
...Life is just gonna get goofier and goofier this spring 'cause Goofy's now starring in his first big-time movie, called—what else?—The Goofy Movie. Join Goofy as

he takes a road
trip with his
son, Max.
Tevin
Campbell, one
of D.A.'s fave
R&B singers,
provides some
memorable

What a goofball!

musical moments.
Hyuk! Hyuk!

He snowboards, boxes, ● at the same time? flies a plane and bungee jumps—seems like Wil Horneff's new movie, Born to Be Wild, has the right name! So when Wil, who's been in The Sandlot and Ghost in the Machine, asked D.A. to join him for a burger and fries, of course we said yes. In his latest movie, 15-year-old Wil plays Rick Heller, a teenager who befriends a gorilla through sign language. We met him at a local burger joint and were excited when he brought along his personal pics, just

D.A.: Did you know sign language before you got the part? W.H .: No, I learned it for this movie. I was taught by Dr. Fouts. He's well-known in the primate research area because his chimpanzee, Washoe, was the first primate ever to communicate with human beings through sign language, even before Koko.

for DAI

D.A.: Was it difficult for you to act and sign W.H.: After a while, it became like second nature, but imagine how hard it was

when there were rewrites in the script. The lines might change a little bit, and I'd have to make a totally different sign. That was hard.

D.A.: What did you learn about gorillas by making this movie? W.H.: They're smart, and they're protective of their environment. We visited Dr. Fouts' research center. When the chimps see new people, they run and jump and bang on the walls as they go by. They'll sign, "Let me

see your shoe." And they make you put up vour shoe—then they laugh at you and smile and bang on the window. As soon as vou put down vour shoe, they sign, "Let me see your shoe again." Or they'd ask for a banana. I'd sign, "No, not now, later." Then they'd bang on the window, and sign, "Go away."

D.A.: Were there any mishaps while filming?

W.H.: The crew went out to the ocean and set up scaffolding, and I was standing on it. They were just getting ready to shoot when they saw this huge wave coming! The wave knocked the



Horneff bonds with his Born to Be Wild co-star.

scaffolding over, and it went down, the camera went down, and I went down into the freezing water.

D.A.: Did you like filming in Washington state?

W.H.: Yeah, I had fun when we were at this location that had a

40-foot bridge over a lake. I said to the producer, "After we finish filming, can I go on the Jet Ski?" He said, "Yeah." At the end of the day, I asked him again, and he said, "Oh, I'm sorry. We had to return it." So I said, "Well, I'm just going

• to have to jump off the bridge then." He didn't take me seriously. So I went up to the bridge and jumped off it into the water! It freaked out the producers. I just wanted to do it. I was having a great time.

-Liz Smith

# ROCKIN' ROCKO

We've seen animated movies starring lions and mice and beasts—now it's the penguins' turn! **The Pebble and the Penguin** is based on the real-life mating ritual of the Adélie penguins. The male Adélie penguin searches for a beautiful pebble. He presents the pebble to his ladylove, and if she accepts it, they are mated forever.

D.A. donned our very best tuxedo and flew south to talk to **Jim Belushi** (*Curly Sue*, *K-9*), who gives



Hubie and Rocko (right) on the rocks.

Rocko the Rockhopper his rambunctious voice.

**D.A.:** Describe Rocko. **J.B.:** He's a tough, hardon-the-outside, soft-onthe-inside penguin.



Jim Belushi

**D.A.:** What was the best part about playing a penguin? **J.B.:** He has no responsibility. He's free to pursue his dream, which is to fly. He doesn't have any homework. But of course, he can't drive a fast car.

D.A.: Was the room you recorded in really cold to make you feel like you were in Antarctica?

J.B.: No. But I did use all the air space. I jumped around, threw my arms in the air. I must have looked like a maniac. Sometimes we'd have to do it over because I'd make so much noise with my feet or hitting the music stand. I had a blast.

---Liz Smith

The last time we talked to Joseph (Joe) Mazzello, 11, he was on the run from CURE-IOUS dinosaurs in Jurassic Park. Now, he's running from something a little more serious-a lifethreatening disease in The Cure. Joe, who plays Dexter, is joined by Brad Renfro (The Client), 13, who plays his friend Erik. We spoke to both of them. Joe is a little quiet, and Brad...isn't.

**D.A.:** Was it difficult playing a boy with AIDS?

I.M.: Yes. My mom talked with other moms who have kids with AIDS. And we watched a videotape about it. It was hard to watch.

B.R.: It's sad. There is a lot of humor, but that's what makes it so sad. Erik really looks at everything in a funny way.

**D.A.:** What was the best part about making this movie?

J.M.: Being in Stillwater, Minnesota. We went to the Mall of America [in Bloomington, MN] once. The rides in Camp Snoopy were the best part.

B.R.: Yeah, I liked Minnesota.

there. It's green there. It's green in Tennessee, where I live, but it's a different color green.

D.A.: Did you do any of your own stunts?

J.M.: No, but when I was making The River Wild, the filmmakers let me go in the rapids when it was a one-, two- or three-class.

[A class-five river is considered dangerous.]

One time, we filmed a

four—and we didn't know it.

B.R.: In The Cure, I ride on an inner tube without a life jacket —that's the director's idea of me doing a stunt. Oooh, look at me, I'm a rebel!

scene, and

was a class-

the river

**D.A.:** What projects are you working on now?

J.W.: I'm filming Three
Wishes. It's got a dog in
it who's a genie and
can grant wishes.

**D.A.:** What about Jurassic Park 2?

**J.M.:** They're definitely making a JP2, but I'm waiting to hear if I'll be in it.

D.A.: And Brad, we hear you're gonna play Huck Finn in *Tom*Sawyer with Jonathan Taylor Thomas. Are you excited about it?
B.R.: Yeah, yeah. I've read the books, and they're bagagad.

-Liz Smith



Brad gives Joe a free ride.

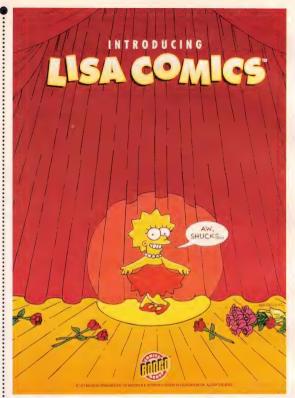


In the movies, James T. Kirk bought the farm and the Enterprise-D bit the dust, but on the

comics rack, Kirk is alive and well and the Enterprise-D still warps around the galaxy. Star Trek features allnew, untold tales of the original Enterprise crew, often filling in the gaps between movies (like the story of how Sulu took command of the Excelsior). And you can catch Picard and company in Star Trek: The Next Generation, This month, the Tholians



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mix it up with the Federation.

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D.A. can't get enough of the mysterious world of

"The X-Files." When we dialed their number, we found out that FBI special agent Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) was deep into solving a serious case. But co-star Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) took a sec to chat with D.A. about her strange and spooky show.

what exactly are the X-Files?
The X-Files are cases that the FBI or local law-enforcement agencies have been unable to solve, usually because they

are paranormal [supernatural].

**D.A.:** What's your favorite creature on the show?

G.A.: Mulder.

**D.A.:** Have you ever had nightmares after shooting a scary show?

G.A.: Yes. But then I realized these things don't really happen....Or do they?

**D.A.:** How do the writers think of ideas for the show?

**G.A.:** I believe they pull ideas from books and newspaper articles, and then use their imagination.

Does playing

this part make you want to be an FBI special agent?



"X-Files" co-star David Duchovny in a spooky moment.

c.a. Sometimes I think that if I weren't an actor, I might want to be an FBI agent.

D.A.: Are you a sci-fi nut?
C.A.: Not especially. I just saw my first episode of "Star Trek" this year!

believe in extraterrestrial

C.A.: Yes.

a close encounter?

**D.A.:** What's the first thing you'd do if you encountered aliens?

G.A.: I would say "hello."

—Debbie Beyer



Gillian Anderson drifts in the world of "The X-Files."



Bruce Coville may be an earthling, but he seems to have an intergalactic info-line on aliens. His

books include the My Teacher Is an Alien series and a collection of short stories called Bruce Coville's Book of Aliens. He's also written Aliens Ate My Homework, the first book in a series about a kid who has five aliens crash-land in his bedroom. So D.A. called him to see what he thought about aliens in real life.

**D.A.:** Do you think there's life elsewhere in the universe?

B.C.: Absolutely.

There are so many billions of stars th

of stars that it's inconceivable that there's not life on other planets.

**D.A.:** Do you think aliens have visited Earth?

B.C.: I wouldn't place a bet that they've been here. However, I think the odds are high that they will visit, for the same reason we're sending messages to the universe. Once you realize how big the universe is, you want to reach out and make contact.

What do you think aliens look like?

B.C .: In

the same way there are billions of planets, there are billions of ways for aliens to look. Writing science fiction, you can invent different aliens and realize that one makes

as much sense as another, as long

as they match the

world they come from.

D.A.: What would you ask an alien?
B.C.: "Tell me

PAGEMASTER

B.C.: "Tell me about yourself and your world. Have you solved the problems that

still plague us? What problems are you still

trying to solve? How'd you get here?"

**D.A.:** How do you think alien contact would change us?

B.C.: It would make us face our place in the universe: that we live on a relatively small planet in a relatively small galaxy. If the aliens are warlike,

then we'd pull together to face a common enemy. If they're peaceful, as I believe they will be, I hope they'll help us see what

we could be.

—Suzanne Harper



Bruce



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THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE!



# Files

Do aliens exist?

Have they visited Earth? To find out, we asked everyone from scientists to sci-fi writers to moviemakers. Turn the page to find out what they said—and keep your eyes on the skies!

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# Earth 2 D.A., Come In

BY LIZ SMITH

D.A. wanted to find out if aliens really do exist.

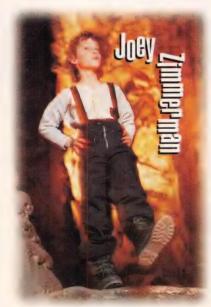
So we decided to travel 200 years into the future to Planet G889, where the hot new TV show "Earth 2" takes place.

Luckily, it's just a short plane ride away in Santa Fe,

New Mexico. We'd heard all sorts of aliens roamed there....

arrived in Santa Fe early in the morning, shivering in the 36-degree temperature. Because of the cold weather. winter sets had been built inside two huge soundstages. Soundstage A houses miles and miles of dusty, coppercolored underground caves;

Soundstage B is filled with biospheres and laboratories. We wandered around the



maze-like area, looking for aliens. None spotted. Then 8-year-old **Joey Zimmermon**, who plays Ulysses (Uly) Adair, stopped by and invited us to his trailer for a late lunch.

D.A.: On the show, Uly is becoming part Terrian [an "Earth 2" alien]. What do you think about changing into an alien? J.Z.: I think it's pretty cool. I get to do a lot of Terrian stuff.

D.A.: What TVshow magic can you tell us about? J.Z.: In the episode

Cross," outcast Terrians capture me and take me to the cave, where there is a pool of smoke and

If you haven't had a chance to check out "Earth 2," here's what we've figured out so far:

The setup: A group of colonists were planning to settle on Planet G889. Their spaceship crashed on

the wrong side of the planet, so the colonists must trek more than 5,000 miles to New Pacifica, their intended landing site.

The aliens: The Terrians look like humans covered with a crust of dirt; they protect the planet from danger. The Grendlers look like two-legged rhinos; their drool can cure human illnesses. The



Koba have poisonous fingernails, but they're little and cute. The Zed are villainous mutants who shoot on sight; they have no redeeming virtues. Oh, yeah—the

colonists can go into virtual reality whenever they want, so sometimes a scene that looks real is just a VR dream. And we haven't even told you about the geo-locks and the overzealous government guy and the dream plane....Well, you'll just have to watch. Trust us, figuring out the plot is half the fun!

light. The pool was a plastic thing filled with dry ice. When I was stepping into the pool, I had to hold my head high because you can't breathe dry ice, 'cause it's carbon dioxide.

On the last step, I held my breath—that's what all the guys who went down there did. Bill, the camera guy, felt light-headed and he almost fell backward, but there were guys behind him to catch him.

D.A.: Do you and

Madison ever play pranks on each other?

J.Z.: One time when we were filming in Santa Clara, [California], there were a lot of bears around. That night, when

Madison was eating dinner, I crept up behind her and made a big bear-growl, and she screamed. She's a loud screamer. She thought it was a real bear!

most fun thing you've done on "Earth 2"?

J.Z.: I liked doing the Clint Eastwood thing in Virtual Reality [VR]. I always treasure the moments that I get to wear the VR gear 'cause I hardly ever get to wear it.

D.A.: Who's your favorite alien of all time? J.Z.: I don't know.... Well, from Star Wars, I like Chewbacca and the Ewoks.

D.A.: If you could go to

another planet, where would you go?

J.Z.: I like Venus, but you could never live there. Me and my friend Justin (he loves D.A., by the way) are going to be inventors when we grow up, and we're going to invent something so you can land on the surface of Venus.

**D.A.:** Do you think there's life in outer space?

J.Z.: I believe it.

D.A.: If aliens talked to you, would you answer?
J.Z.: If I saw an alien, I'd run and hide—
unless, of course, it looked nice.

Just then 10-yearold J. Madison Wright, who plays True Danziger, poked her head in the doorway and asked us to come visit her in her school trailer. D.A.: Are you like your character, True?

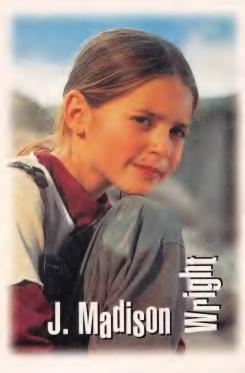
J.M.W.: No.
True gets into
trouble a lot.
And I don't
get into
trouble. She's
a tomboy, and
I'm not. But
we both like to
go into neat
places and
explore.

D.A.: Joey tells us you're a pretty good screamer. Is that true?

J.M.W.:
(giggles) Uh,
maybe. I have
a lot of
opportunities
to scream on
the show. But
I don't really
like it.

**D.A.:** If you met some aliens, what would you ask them before you climbed aboard their spacecraft?

J.M.W.: "Are you going to bring me back? Where are we going to go? And what's your D.A.: If they weren't going to hurt you, and they were going to bring you back, would you go? J.M.W.: If they weren't going to do anything



to see all the rings and everything.

**Debrah Farentino**(who plays Devon Adair, leader of the "Earth 2" epedition) is really busy,

so we had to talk as we walked quickly from the biospheres to the caves for a photo shoot. We told Debrah that every time we enter the caves, we get lost. She admitted she does, too. That made us feel better.

D.A.: What's your favorite "Earth 2" prop?

**D.F.:** The SandRail. It's like a dune buggy or Land Rover. I think

it's really cool.

**D.A.:** As a kid, were you into sci-fi?

**D.F.:** No, but I was into science. I was 9 years old when man landed on the moon, so I grew up in the age of NASA.

D.A.: Do you think you'd like to travel to

weird, maybe. That's a maybe.

**D.A.:** Would you want to travel to another planet?

J.M.W.: Probably. I think Mars would be pretty cool. No, I changed my mind. Saturn, 'cause I'd want another planet?

**D.F.:** Oh yeah, to Venus and Saturn. It'd be an adventure. And I'd love to see Earth from outer space.

D.A.: How about hopping aboard an alien spaceship? D.F.: I don't

know about that. I wouldn't be in control. I'd rather be the leader than a guest.

headed back to the Terrian caves, where we ran into Antonio Sabato, Jr., who plays pilot Alonzo Solace. D.A.: Do you think there's life in outer space?

**A.S.:** Definitely. Without a doubt.

**D.A.:** Really? Have you seen any aliens?

A.S.: In Santa Fe, you hear all kinds of stories. One night, when I was driving toward town, I saw a light appear and

kind of go across the sky. Now, a shooting star or comet shoots down, but never shoots across. So what was



that? There are things that we don't know. **D.A.:** Do you think aliens look like us? **A.S.:** They probably look like us only more evolved. I think they're smarter. If they can fly across the universe.

they're a lot smarter than we are.

**D.A.:** Who's your favorite superhero in real life?

A.S.:

Batman, See, Batman is human, he's got no superpowers. That's pretty rough, man. And he beats everybody. If Superman wasn't a superhero, and he was iust a human being, who would win? Batman. D.A.: If you

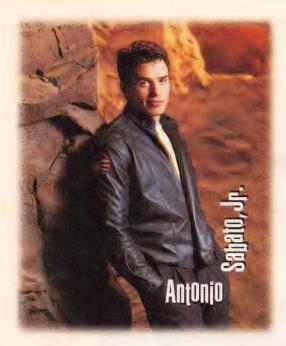
could do anything in VR, what would it be? **A.S.:** I'd love to put on

to put on those VR glasses and be Batman.

I'd take my girlfriend and my son, and be outta here. You could come along, too.

No need to ask twice, Antonio; we're there!

Next we met **Clancy Brown**, who plays
mechanic John



Danziger. He's very tall and speaks in a quiet voice. Clancy took some time out from playing with his dogs, Amy and Alma, to talk with us.

D.A.: Are you like your character, John

C.B.: I look like him.
D.A.: (laughs) OK, but are you mechanically skilled like him?

Danziger?

**C.B.:** I like messing around, but I'm not good at it. You have to be a genius to fix automobiles these days, and I'm no genius.

**D.A.:** What's it like working with Joey and Madison?

C.B.: I'm not a dad in real life, so it's fun to practice. Madison is the best actress on the show.

**D.A.:** Do you believe there's life in outer space?

**C.B.:** I haven't seen any proof.

D.A.: If a spaceship came down to Earth, would you go aboard?
C.B.: Only if it had cable, so I could watch

baseball.

D.A.: What's been the hardest part about working on "Earth 2"? **C.B.:** Getting the job. D.A.: What's been the best part? C.B.: Doing the job. ow it was time for us to leave Planet G889 and all the cast and crew of "Earth 2." We hadn't see any real aliens, but we did have a fabulous time. As our plane took off from the airport, we looked out the window and saw a moving light

in the sky. It wasn't an airplane, and it didn't look like a star. Hmmm...wonder what



Terrian Territory

one really cold, dark night, D.A. wanted to scope out the newest "Earth 2" set, the Terrian caves. Joey and Madison bravely volunteered to be our guides. Ducking into shadows to hide from the bright moonlight, we snuck onto Stage A of



Garson Studios. When the door slammed behind us, we crept into the caves. As we entered a tunnel leading to the caves, we walked very, very slowly. We didn't want to disturb any sleeping

The caves are made of plaster and painted shades of copper and brown. Some are way high—20 feet above our heads—and

others
hang so low, we had
to duck. Once, we
bumped our head on
an archway—it was
hard as a (real) rock!
Fortunately for us,
we didn't dent the cave
or our heads.

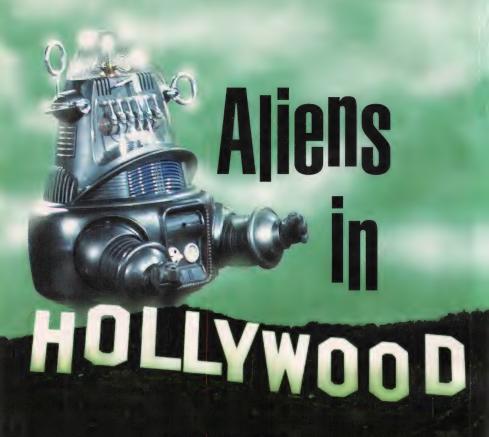
We continued to wander through the endless labyrinth of tunnels, caves and chambers. The tunnels run for miles, but the designers built the entire set in just a few weeks!

The only light came from a few lighting fixtures left behind by the TV crew. Some of the caves' walls had glowing veins which contain minerals—that's where the Terrians get their energy source. When we touched the veins, they felt like smooth plastic.

Soon, we started coughing from the dust we had kicked up from the dirt floors. Our legs got tired from climbing up and down the

multileveled walkways. We'd had enough of Terrian living. If Joey and Madison hadn't been with us, we would surely have gotten lost. Luckily, we made it safely out of the caves without ever waking a dozing Terrian.





# BY DEBBIE BEYER

The D.A. space scope has zoomed in on some of the coolest unearthly science-fiction movies and TV shows. Fasten your seat belt and get ready to blast off!



# The Star Wars Trilogy

Star Wars (1977), The Empire Strikes Back (1980), Return of the Jedi (1983)

# Sci-Fi Scoop:

Galactic superhero Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) battles the Empire led by his bad dad, Darth Vader.

# Alien Ingredient:

There's a fleet of freaky characters—from wicked blob Jabba the Hutt to cute, furry Ewoks to wise and wrinkly Yoda.

### Fright Factor:

Darth Vader's raspy, breathing-machine voice is creepy, but just remember, it happened "a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away."

# Close Encounters of the Third Kind

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

A fleet of UFOs blasts over a small town, and aliens house-hop. "Visited" people follow a mysterious noise to an alien landing area, where they meet the aliens face to face.

#### Alien Ingredient:

Small, hairless folks with long arms and big eyes come to Earth just to check out earthlings.



# Fright Factor:

Don't plan a camp-out in the backyard the night you watch this. Stay inside and you'll sleep just fine.



# Sci-Fi Scoop:

These films give new meaning to the word "bellyache." An alien with a deadly appetite stows away on a spacecraft and has the crew for lunch.
Astronaut Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) takes on the huge mother of all aliens and plenty of the mama's offspring.

## Alien Ingredient:

A squidlike face-hugger clamps onto a guy's head and lays an egg in his body. The baby alien bursts out of the guy's stomach like one gruesome jack-in-the-box. It grows into a gigantic, drooling beast with a lashing tail and laws of doom.

#### Fright Factor:

Keep a pillow handy to hide your eyes and muffle your screams.



# Star Trek Movies

The Motion Picture (1979), The Wrath of Khan (1982), The Search for Spock (1984), The Voyage Home (1986), The Final Frontier (1988), The Undiscovered Country (1991), Generations (1991)

## Sci-Fi Scoop:

The Starfleet space team galaxy-hops around the universe, exploring undiscovered worlds and battling cosmic creeps to



# Alien Ingredient:

Pesky Klingons and Romulan enemies want to blow the *Enterprise* to bits. Weirdos like power-hungry Khan, mini-Godzilla Gorns, hyperaccelerating Scalosian creatures, and the superpower Balok don't help either.

# Fright Factor:

This trip is full of fantasy and suspense, not toe-curling terror.

# E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

# Sci-Fi Scoop:

An extra-cute extraterrestrial gets stranded on Earth and bonds with a 10-year-old boy, Elliot (Henry Thomas).

### Alien Ingredient:

E.T. is a sweet alien with a big pumpkin head and extendo-neck. He likes to pig out on Reese's Pieces, wants to phone home all the time, and has the magic touch in his fingertip.

## Fright Factor:

The only things to fear here are the greedy humans who want to capture E.T. and turn him into a science project.





Spacehunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone

# Sci-Fi Scoop:

It's a space-age Raiders of the Lost Ark that takes place on another planet. It all starts when Dr. Wolf (Peter Strauss) and Nicki (Molly Ringwald), a teen girl sidekick, head into the Forbidden Zone to rescue three girls.

# Alien Ingredient:

Blubber-bodied bad guys, human vultures and flesh-eating Zoners are freaky foes, but nothing like the evil lord of them all, Overdog—a half-man, half-machine with a nasty temper.

# Fright Factor:

It's just a bizarre ride, unless you see the 3-D version—that'll make you jump in your seat.

## Alien Nation

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

In Los Angeles,
California, in the future,
an alien race is slowly
mixing in with human
society. A human cop
(James Caan) teams up
with an alien partner
(Mandy Patinkin) to
find a murderer.



#### Alien Ingredient:

The "newcomers" have human-type bodies with giant bald heads and look like they have nylons pulled over their faces. They have jobs and families just like humans, but they love sour milk and raw meat. Newcomers are good and bad, cops and crooks—just like people.

#### Fright Factor:

More chase scenes than big scares. The bad-guy newcomers aren't pretty, but you won't lose any sleep over them.



# PV SHOWS

"Outer Limits"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

A haunting trip into dark, unknown territories known as the Outer Limits.

#### Allen Ingredient:

A regular monstermash! There's the chrome-dome alien with six fingers; the giant, antlike Zanti Misfits; and aliens that turn into poisonous plants. Sometimes cosmic life is just checkin' out Earth, like the ghostly Galaxy Being who taps into a radio station and is accidentally transmitted to Earth.

#### Fright Factor:

Leave a light on. Invite a friend over—or better yet, a grown-up.



## "My Favorite Martian"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

A Martian anthropologist (Ray Walston) lands on Earth and moves in with newspaperman Tim O'Hara (Bill Bixby), who passes the antennasprouting guy off as his "Uncle Martin."

#### Alien Ingredient:

Martin has little, retractable antennae and can move objects or freeze people whenever he feels like it.

#### Fright Factor:

This Martian is just having fun.

## "Lost in Space"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

The Swiss Family
Robinson of outer space
sets out in the Jupiter II
for a vacation in the
Alpha Centauri star
system. Dastardly
enemy agent Dr. Smith
(Jonathan Harris)
messes up the
exploration, and the
family wanders from
planet to planet trying
to get home.

#### Alien Ingredient:

This is a real Circus of the Stars, with everything from giant vegetable extraterrestrials, hairy cyclops, and monster frogs to armies of aliens on motorcycles.

#### Fright Factor:

Are you kidding? Don't even worry about it.



## "Mork & Mindy"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

Mork (Robin Williams), an alien from planet Ork, is sent to Earth to study human beings. He buddies up with sweet earthling Mindy (Pam Dawber) and moves into her apartment.

#### Alien Ingredient:

Mork sits in a chair upside down and wears clothes backward, but he's as harmless as a newborn baby.

#### Fright Factor:

Does "Na nu, na nu" scare you? Didn't think so.





### "Star Trek: The Next Generation"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

The USS Starship Enterprise crew battles enemy fleets and aliens on a constant cosmic adventure.

#### Alien Ingredient:

Who's afraid of the big, bad Borgs? Everyone. These helmet-heads destroy planets, mutilate people and suck up the smarts and strength of every race they conquer. Romulans are also vicious dudes—they killed Worf's (Michael Dorn) real parents.

#### Fright Factor:

Some "Trek" aliens have faces only a mother could love.

### "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

Starfleet officers land in former Cardassian station Deep Space Nine, near a Bajoran wormhole. That's their ticket to alien civilizations.

#### **Alien Ingredient:**

Bumpy-nosed Bajorans, elephant-eared Ferengi, and iguanafaced Cardassians are just a few of the alien types hanging around. Odo the Shapeshifter (Rene Auberjonois) can make himself look like anybody, but is really a big blob of goo. There's also the worm-woman. Trill (Terry Farrell), and Quark (Armin Shimerman), a grouchy Ferenai.

#### Fright Factor:

The aliens are nothing to sneeze at, but overall, DS9 is mild.





## "The X-Files"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

FBI agents Fox
"Spooky" Mulder
(David Duchovny) and
Dana Scully (Gillian
Anderson) take on
special cases involving
paranormal events and
unsolved mysteries, aka
the X-Files.

#### Allen Ingredient:

There's a little bit of everything here—poltergeists, vampires, giant worm-people living in sewers, a ruthless killer who lives off human livers. Add to that a swarm of aliens who kidnap kids for experiments and just mess with Earth in general.

#### Fright Factor:

Seriously scary. There are lots of dark shadows, eerie music, and mutant villains going bump in the night. It whips up a mean nightmare.

## "Babylon 5"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

Ambassadors from five hostile confederations, four alien and one human, serve on space station Babylon 5's space-based police force.



#### Alien Ingredient:

There's G'Kar (Andreas Katsulas), the lizard-faced Narn; Lando Mallori (Peter Jurasik), the slobby Centaurian with hair like a broom; and the oh-so-bald Minbari queen, Delenn (Mira Furlan).

Fright Factor: Get a hold of yourself. It's only the United

Nations in space.

## "Star Trek: Voyager"

#### Sci-Fi Scoop:

Captain Kathryn
Janeway (Kate
Mulgrew) heads the USS
Voyager, stranded in the
Badlands. They're 70
years away from home
and forced to team up
with outlaws called
the Maguis.

#### Allen Ingredient:

The crew includes
Vulcan officer Tuvok
(Tim Russ); the
holographic crew
physician, Doc
Zimmerman (Robert
Picardo); a woman from
the Ocampa race, Kes
(Jennifer Lien); and the
ship's alien cook/
handyman, Neelix
(Ethan Phillips).

#### Fright Factor:

A real Trekker has no fear.



## The Real Miss Universe

Alien beauty is not the same as human beauty. Our judges are looking for qualities like slime-oozing eyes, scaly skin or a nasty disposition. A pretty smile will put any contestant here in last place....

### **Most Talented**

(Hands down) Baby Alien From *Alien* 

GROSS APPEAL: Beautifully slimy squid-creature that looks like a big hand, then like a bloody fist with teeth.

SCORE: @@



### **Best Manners**

E.T. from E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

GROSS APPEAL: Too cute to be gross, but he did burp a few times. SCORE:





### **Best Dressed**

Ra from StarGate

GROSS APPEAL: An alien in boy's clothing. Under the handsome face is a ghostly creep. SCORE:

999



## Best Hairstyle

"Star Trek" GROSS APPEAL:

Humanoid Vulcans with rugs for hair. SCORE:

### Most Poised

Klingon From "Star Trek" GROSS APPEAL: Hairy iguana face, SCORE:

99



### **Best Smile**

Ferengi from "Star Trek"

GROSS APPEAL: They don't get much uglier. Bumpy head, stumpy body, crooked teeth... bravo! SCORE:

2222



"Star Trek"
GROSS APPEAL:
Handsome face
hides a cold
heart.

SCORE:



Mama Alien From Aliens

GROSS APPEAL:
Superdome
arrowhead,
drools a lot,
serpent tongue
that rolls out like
a red carpet for
victim. SCORE:



## Alien Maker

BY GINA PERA

You're a science-fiction writer in search of the perfect alien. What do you do?

Call Dr. Jack Cohen.

need to create a space alien, beam up Dr.

Jack Cohen.

This scientist didn't set out to be a world authority on aliens. For 30 years, he taught biology at a university in England, But one of his lectures always grabbed students' attention: "The Possibility of Life on Other Planets." Science-fiction writers heard about the lecture. Soon they were seeking Dr. Cohen's advice on making up aliens for their far-out books.

Why didn't they just let their imaginations run wild? Because the most interesting aliens are the ones that could really exist, Dr. Cohen says.

Look at it this way:
You're reading a story
about creatures that are
half motorcycle and half
alligator. Wouldn't it be
cool to know that such
creatures are
scientifically possible
and why? (Dr. Cohen
helped writer Larry
Niven develop such
creatures for one of
Niven's books.)

Dr. Cohen bases his creations on what scientists have learned about life on Earth. Take the elephant's immensely thick legs, for example. "Surely that's a solution to the problem of supporting bulk on a planet with a

reasonably high gravity," Dr. Cohen says. On another planet with gravity like Earth's, a similar creature might evolve.

Some writers figure out their plot and the nature of the planet on which the story takes place, then ask Dr. Cohen to help create aliens to fit. One writer's plot called for an alien that looked like a frying pan. Dr. Cohen recalled a crocodile that has a long snout and a flat head, and that became the model for the new alien.

Another writer needed a creature that could blast off the planet.
Cohen's earthly inspiration: the

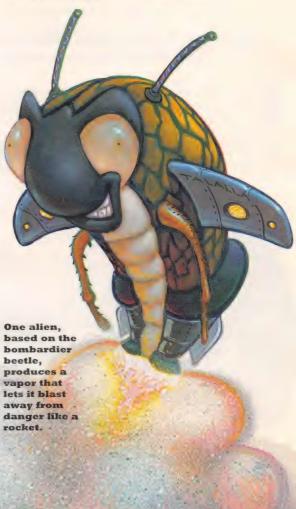
bombardier beetle.
"These creatures can
produce a corrosive
vapor internally—in
their rear ends,
actually—that lets them
burst out of dangerous
situations quickly," Dr.
Cohen explains.

Other writers create the aliens first and then ask Dr. Cohen to help create an environment that makes sense. One such book is Dinosaur Planet, written by Anne McCaffrey. "She wanted dinosaurs," Dr. Cohen says. "I said, 'You can't have dinosaurs, because it's extremely unlikely any planet other than Earth would have had the exact same physical conditions and genetic systems to have produced dinosaurs." " For the story to make sense, Dr. Cohen and McCaffrey created another planet on which dinosaurs could survive and then transported them there from Earth.

Does Dr. Cohen think aliens have visited Earth? "No. But if they had, we probably wouldn't know it. If aliens were able to travel here, they'd be very advanced. So they would probably be able

to disguise themselves very well—just as chameleons can camouflage themselves in nature."

But what about all those little, green men in the old flying-saucer movies? Not very possible. "Not because they are little and green, but because they are men," says Dr. Cohen. "Little, green splots would be so much more believable."



## Is Anybody Out There?

BY SEAN PLOTTNER

Here's how humans contact life in outer space—make a hit record and launch it out of this world.

ave you ever sent a message in a bottle? You know, you seal a note inside a container and heave it into the ocean. Then you hope that your message finds its way to somebody

on a faraway shore.

Well, that's pretty much what some scientists did about 20 years ago. Only instead of a note, they made a recording about humans and life on Earth. And instead of

throwing it into the sea, they launched it into the vastness of outer space.

Basically, it's our way of saying hello to any aliens that might be out there. Called the Voyager

Interstellar
Record (VIR),
this message to
extraterrestrials
was attached to
the two
unmanned
Voyager

spacecraft launched

VIR cover etchings
explain how to play
the record, how to
decode the pictures on it,
and where our solar system
is located in the universe.

in 1977 to explore the outer planets of our solar system. Their explorations now complete, the two probes are hurtling through deep space, more than 6 billion miles away from our sun. In case anyone (or anything) comes across the spacecraft, the VIR may help them figure out who we are and where we live.

The VIR consists of a gold-plated copper record inside an aluminum record jacket, and it comes with a cartridge and stylus to play it. On the record sleeve are scientifically coded instructions (aliens probably don't speak English) for playing the record, as well as a chart that depicts Earth's location in the universe. The record plays messages that we hope say a lot about us to any extraterrestrial civilization, including the following:

- \* Various sounds of Earth, including a kiss, a crying baby, crickets chirping and thunder.
- \* Greetings in more than 50 languages, including that of whales.
- \* A recording of the electrical activity of one person's heart and brain.
- \* Ninety minutes of music, from Beethoven to a Pygmy girl's initiation song to Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode."
- \* 116 photographs, mostly of people around the world interacting with one another. These were specially converted into sound signals for the record.

Will any aliens ever find our VIR? It's hard to say, but the record should last billions of years. If it is discovered, would the extraterrestrials understand it? We can only hope. For it is the only way we're able to shout out to the entire universe: "We exist."





Some of the photos on the Voyager Interstellar Record (from top): dolphins, an Amish barn-raising, and Indian villagers.

## Listening to the Stars

BY SEAN PLOTTNER

Just in case aliens ever transmit a message to Earth,
SETI scientists are all ears.

hat if extraterrestrials were to send us a message? Shouldn't someone be listening—just in case?

Well, someone is. Just as scientists use telescopes to see into space, they also use high-tech radio telescopes to listen for any signals coming from another galaxy. They haven't heard from any aliens yet, but you never know....

Astronomers at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, lead



A technician works on the world's largest radio telescope.

the way. (SETI stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.) Their headquarters are located on a road with a cool name. Landings Drive. From there, scientists oversee a worldwide effort to scan

the stars for any sign of intelligent life. It's called Project Phoenix.

They figure the best way for an alien to contact Earth would be via radio waves. "Earth is only one-third the age of the galaxy," says Seth Shostak, a SETI scientist. "So we would expect most extraterrestrial civilizations to be far more advanced than ours. Such societies would have the ability to send powerful radio signals."

To do its eavesdropping, SETI uses gigantic radio telescopes, which look like any TV satellite dishes you've seen, except they're absolutely humongous—up to 1,000 feet in diameter. But the job still isn't an easy one.

"We don't know what channel E.T. might broadcast on because he hasn't sent us a postcard," says Shostak. "So we're talking billions of channels to check."

If you were to sit there and slowly turn the knob as you listened, just like you tune a radio, this would take 10,000 years. But SETI's mondo dish collects radio waves and focuses them on a special receiver connected to some pretty complex computers. This



The Parker radio telescope scans the skies for intelligent life.

setup monitors an incredible 28 million channels all at once.

"We point the telescope to a nearby star—one like our sun, with possible planets," Shostak continues. "And it listens for five minutes, then automatically moves up to another chunk of the dial and records another 28 million channels." Eventually, it's time to move on to another star.

Starting in January, the Parkes Telescope in Australia has been doing all the listening. At 210 feet in diameter, it's a pretty big dish. But later this year, Project Phoenix moves to Puerto Rico. There the receiver will be hooked up to the world's largest radio telescope, which is a whopping 1,000 feet in diameter.

The computers have already heard some pretty interesting noises—but

not necessarily aliens. "Local TV, military radar, airplanes and cellular telephones pollute the radio dial and confuse the receiver," says Shostak. "So we use a second telescope to verify what we hear. E.T. would have to broadcast for a few days to make it through our verification process."

Project Phoenix hopes to point its telescopes at 1,000 nearby stars similar to our sun. Even with that sophisticated receiver, it'll take about 10 years to conduct the search.

And what does Shostak say to people who think this is a stupid waste of time and money? "There are a half-trillion stars in our galaxy alone," he says. "With all that real estate, to think that we're the only critters strikes me as improbable. It would be magic to find out that we aren't alone."

## Alien Alert!

BY JOHN CADE

So you've seen a UFO? The Center for UFO Studies wants to check out your close encounter.

Think of it as the real-life "X-Files." The minute somebody reports an unidentified flying object (UFO), the Center for UFO Studies sounds the alert.

"I had a call half an hour ago from a woman in Texas," says John Timmerman, a center spokesman. "She was on vacation in Honduras and saw some strange lights in the sky. We're contacting an investigator to look into it right away."

The center (CUFOS for short) gets as many as 10 UFO reports a week. When a call comes in, CUFOS researchers interview the witnesses and ask for photos of the event. If no one thought to grab a camera, artists draw pictures based on

witness descriptions when possible.

The researchers also use high-tech devices like magnetometers to track UFOs. These machines measure changes in Earth's magnetic field and record the reading on a paper graph. Scientists then check to see if any magnetic changes happened at the same time that objects appeared in the sky.

After gathering the facts, CUFOS looks for a natural explanation for the sighting. Many UFOs turn out to be weather phenomena, aircraft, or planets like Venus.

But sometimes there are no easy answers. Like the night a Kentucky family heard its dog barking, went outside and encountered several silvery creatures that stood about 3 1/2 feet tall. The family tried to scare the beings away, but the aliens kept returning and peeking in the windows, which freaked out the kids. Finally, they all climbed into the family car and drove away.





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## **Skeptics United**

BY JOHN CADE

#### Bogus! That's what these paranormal partypoopers think about UFOs.

bunk! That's what the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) says about UFOs. CSICOP, a group of scientists and teachers, has been called the "party pooper of the paranormal"—and for good reason.

"We don't mind people seeing unexplainable things in the sky," says Barry Karr, CSICOP's executive director. "But just because you can't identify a flying object doesn't mean that it's an alien spacecraft."

For one thing, Karr doesn't understand why aliens would travel light-years to our planet—only to whiz mysteriously by. "Why wouldn't they stop and

say something?" he asks.

Karr says most UFO sightings probably start a lot closer to home—like the guy who called and said he saw strange lights in the sky. "I'd seen the same thing the night before," Karr says. "It was the aurora borealis. That's just streamers of light in the atmosphere caused by Earth's magnetic field. Some people call them the northern lights."

Maybe aliens just aren't litterbugs? "After our visit to the moon, we left behind land rovers, cameras, scientific instruments, and garbage," says Philip J. Klass, CSICOP's UFO expert. "If aliens had visited Earth, don't you think we'd find their instruments? Nobody

has found anything."

What Klass has found is a bunch of people trying to put one over on us. For example, a man named Ed Walters in Gulf Breeze, Florida, claimed a giant UFO hovered over his house at night—and he even had photos.





## D.A.'s Handbook for UFO Hunting

BY JOHN CADE

Ready for a close encounter of your own kind? Then grab your binoculars, recruit a few brave friends and head out to hunt UFOs. Here are a few tips to increase your odds:

Watch the skies in the summer. UFOs seem to show up most often in July.

UFO sightings also increase during a full moon.

The best time to watch for UFOs tends to be between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Become familiar with weather conditions, aircraft and astronomical objects, such as stars, planets and meteors, that are often mistaken for UFOs. (They're called IFOs, or Identified Flying Objects. Our IFO Field Guide on the next page will get you started.)

Learn to spot hoaxes by reading books about UFOs.



Bring the right tools:

\* a compass to detect changes in Earth's magnetic field

\* a tape recorder to catch any unusual sounds

- \* a watch to note sighting times
- \* a thermometer to check changes in air temperature
- \* a flashlight
- \* a pair of binoculars
- \*a camera
- \* a notebook to record your data
- \* several coins of different sizes that you can hold up to compare to the size of the UFO

And remember: Question erything.

## IFO FIELD GUIDE

T'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! WELL, YES, IT PROBABLY IS. MOST UFO SIGHTINGS
TURN OUT TO BE IFOS (IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS). THIS CHART SHOWS THE OBJECTS
MOST COMMONLY MISTAKEN FOR UFOS. STUDY IT CAREFULLY...AND IF YOUR SIGHTING
DOESN'T MATCH ANYTHING HERE, GET THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER ON THE PHONE!



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## I Met an Alien—and Lived!

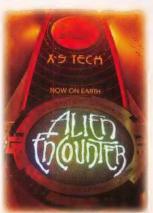
BY SEAN PLOTTNER

So you want to meet an alien, up close and personal? Well, your chance is coming, in the form of one nasty, ugly space creature soon to be scaring the daylights out of earthlings at Walt Disney World's new ExtraTERRORestrial Alien Encounter attraction.

to Orlando, Florida, for a sneak preview. Here's my report:

Accompanied by three brave D.A. Junior Reporters, I entered the futuristic space station and was greeted by a charming, greenfaced alien on a video screen. She told us that we would see a demonstration of teleportation, an incredible new method of instantly transporting solid matter, including life, over great distances. She added that this painless procedure is something along the lines of "Beam me up, Scotty," on "Star Trek."

Then, we were ushered into another area for a preview. We stood in front of two large glass tubes. The one on the left had a buglike creature named Skippy in it. In the middle, a robot host flipped some switches and—pow!—Skippy disappeared from his



tube. Slowly, he reappeared in the tube on the right, but it wasn't a smooth trip—Skippy turned up frazzled and slightly singed. Apparently, the system still had some glitches, but we were moving on for a much grander demonstration anyway. Cool.

In the main teleportation room, we were seated in a circle around a huge teleportation tube at least 10 feet tall. After being strapped in with shoulder harnesses, we learned that the corporate president of X-S Technology would soon be teleported to us from a distant planet.



Once outside the smashed tube (left), the alien has plenty of room to roam!

A switch was thrown and smoke billowed inside the tube—but when it cleared, nothing was there.

A few more switches were pulled, more smoke appeared, and then, suddenly, there it was—not the X-S president, but a huge, frightening alien monster. A terrible mistake had brought it to us!

The first thing we heard was screaming. The first thing we saw was the glow of its big

red eyes in the dim light as the alien turned within the confines of the narrow tube. He had wings, fangs dripping with goo, and a long tail full of spines and what looked like gross tentacles. All in all, a nightmarish package.

The lights flickered, then went out. Paralyzed by fear (and locked in anyway), we sat still and heard several loud bangs in the tube, followed by the sound of breaking glass. When the lights

flickered back on, we saw that the teleportation tube had been smashed—the alien was on the loose!

Chaos broke out.
People panicked,
including the four of
us. One Junior Reporter
grabbed my hand. The
alien breathed and
growled loudly while
frantic workers shouted
to one another as
they tried to spot the
escaped creature.

Up in the rafters, a flashlight beam appeared. But soon

that light, too, disappeared. As we sat in the dark, we clearly heard the bone-crunching, crackling sounds of the alien attacking someone up there.

After finishing his snack, the alien prowled above us some more, dripping wet goo on our heads. Yeeeecch! Who would be the next victim, we wondered?

As the monster flew overhead, we actually felt it swooshing by our heads. After a few minutes of this hair-raising madness, the workers corralled the alien, forced it back into the tube and teleported it outta there.

Our encounter with the alien monster was over. We haven't checked back, but word has it that X-S Technology has yet to fine-tune its teleportation experiments. So if you go for a demonstration, remember: Anything can happen.



They also met the alien—and survived: (from left) Cody, Ben and Kristina.

## Fearless Reporters

Fortunately, I didn't experience Alien Encounter alone. Three D.A. Junior Reporters ventured in with me. When the screaming ended, they gave this report:

Ben Lloyd, 12: "It was intense. It made my stomach tingle. That looked like a real alien in there. The goo was dripping and splattering everywhere. I loved it."

## Kristina Lloyd, 12: "Gross out. I had

"Gross out. I had goose bumps big-time. It was scariest when the alien breathed. When I saw the cracked tube, I knew the alien was on the floor. But I didn't know what was going to happen next!"

#### Cody Carver, 10:

"The alien was like a combination of Predator, a dragon, and the alien queen from *Aliens*. Really cool sound effects. The bones crunching, the alien breathing—agh! And when he pounded on the glass, you knew he had to get out. Then it was like, 'Oh no, freak out.'"

Did our Junior Reporter trio want a second encounter? You bet front row. The result? "It was even scarier," said Cody. Meet an alien if you dare!

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WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S COMIC ZONE

It's spring, and my feet are getting itchy to travel. So in that spirit, this month we

go way back in time with Aladdin, deep underground with the Gargoyles, and far into outer space with Dr. Watchstop. Yow, I hope I packed enough clean socks for the trip!

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#### DR. WATCHSTOP

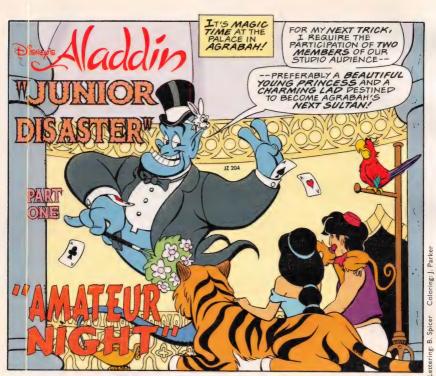
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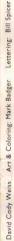
























































































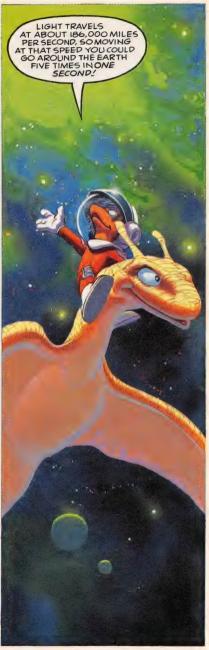




Dr. WATCHSTOP SO HOW FAR AWAY IS THE NEAREST STAR?



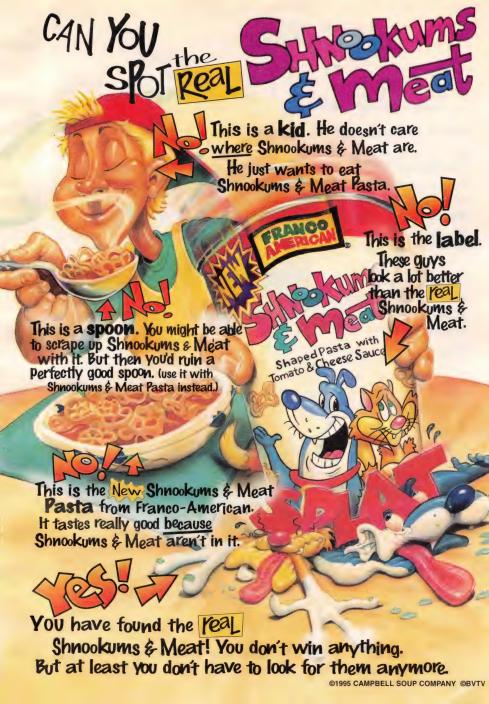








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Video games, CDROMs, playing tips and more!

Players: One

Systems:

Genesis/Game Gear

**Mission:** Ristar, a tiny but powerful superhero, must defend the solar system against the

evil space-pirate, Greedy. **Worlds:** 7 (Genesis)/

6 (Game Gear)

Difficulty: Brainer



Ristar's ready for some major head-butt action. Are you?

**Ristar** Ristar can grab onto objects, climb and swing. ● As he explores the universe, he'll visit many bizarre planets, each with its own set of challenges and alien enemies! ● To defeat enemies, you grab them with Ristar's elastic arms, and then perform a megapowerful head-butt. ● You'll have to solve puzzles before you can help Ristar put an end to Greedy's evil plans.

### Players:

One or two

System: Super NES Mission: Fill up the opponent's side of the screen with the falling multicolored blobs, while making the blobs on your side disappear.

Levels: 16

Difficulty: Brainer



**Kirby's Avalanche** You control Kirby, a cute, cloudlike alien from Dream Land. • To make blobs disappear, line up four or more of the same-colored blobs. • This is a fun one-player game, but it's really intense when two players compete head-to-head on the split screen.

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Levels: 30-plus Difficulty:

Brainer



**StarGate** lets you wing over the desert s mi futuristic spaceship.

**StarGate** The StarGate is a mysterious doorway that transports people to a strange world that resembles ancient Egypt. Solve the mystery of the pyramid and the StarGate by defeating the evil pharaoh. King Ra, then make your way back to Earth before it's too late. Several stages of this sci-fi adventure feature awesome Mode 7 graphics that allow you to fly in a futuristic spaceship.

### Players:

One or two

System: Super NES Mission: Take part in Starfleet training missions to become a Starship commander.

Stages: More than

20 missions.

Difficulty: Brainer

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Go to the head of the class and become a Starship commander.

### Star Trek: Starfleet

Academy You'll participate in training sessions as you battle Romulans, Klingons and Ferengi; practice your diplomatic skills; and keep your crew safe. The coolest part: You experience holodeck simulations of intergalactic battles and diplomatic missions. –lason Rich

### Month!

Start Donkey Kong Country (Super NES) with 50 lives! Just follow these steps: At the Game Select Screen, place the cursor on the Erase Game box, then press B, A, R, R, A, and then L on Controller #1. Next, choose any of your saved games files and start playing. Check the Life Meter in the upper-right corner of the screen-it now says 50.

T.J. Ahern, 11

Cranford, New Jersey

Have you discovered any secret tips for beating your favorite video games or CD-ROMs? Tell us! Disney Apventures, TechnoMania, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011-5690.

Gamer's



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#### Aaahh! Aliens have replaced Card Shark's collection with alien cards!

Beam me up SkyBox and the alien masters at "Star Trek" have created some outof-this-world cards. The SkyBox Master Series: 1993 and 1994 Star Trek Editions, the episode collection from the first season of "Star Trek: The Next Generation." and the Star Trek: Deep Space Nine set have some ultracool-looking aliens.

The Master Series cards feature artwork from top fantasy, comics and gaming artists. The cards in the Alien Worlds subset have info about the aliens on the back. Card Shark thinks the Andorians (from the 1993 Master Series) look cool, but he wouldn't want to meet them in a dark space-alley.

Cards from the ST:TNG and ST: DS9 collections have photos of the show's aliens and give character and episode information.



Alien Alert! Look for Neelix, Kes and the other aliens of "Star

Trek: Voyager" in a card store near you this June. The set will feature behind-the-scenes secrets, character



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Ferengi (center
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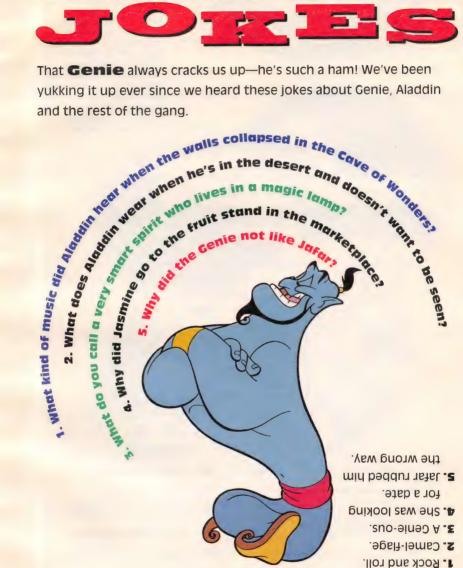
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### · > greetings!

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- 2. A long, adventurous journey
- 3. Luke Skywalker's scary dad (Two words)
- 4. Monogram for an alien
- 5. Strange or extraterrestrial

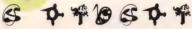
- 6. Home sweet planet
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- 8. "May the be with you"
- 9. E.T.'s two-word wish
- 10. Logical guy, pointy ears
- 11. Famous starship

alien speak

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toy?











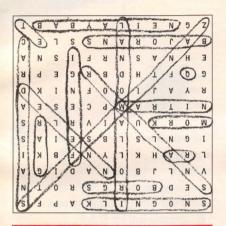
### alien hunt

Find the names of some popular TV and movie aliens hidden below. The names may be written forward or



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